

matters to the United States of America. A violent, chaotic Iraq will affect our security at home. An Iraq that can self-govern, provide basic services to its people, and be an ally in the war on terror will mean that all of us have accepted a great challenge and laid a foundation of peace for our children and grandchildren.

And so, thank you for your service. I appreciate your—I want to thank your families who are supporting you in this just and noble cause. And may God bless you all. Thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 10:30 a.m. in the Roosevelt Room at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to U.S. Ambassador to Iraq Ryan C. Crocker.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

July 7

In the morning, at Camp David, MD, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President declared a major disaster in Oklahoma and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, flooding, and tornadoes beginning on June 10 and continuing.

July 8

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.

July 9

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Arlington, VA. He then returned to Washington, DC.

In the afternoon, in the Map Room, the President participated in an interview with Georgina Carnegie for the Australian program, "Visions of Leadership," which will air during the APEC summit in September.

Later, at Blair House, he and Mrs. Bush attended a reception for Counselor to the President Daniel J. Bartlett.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robin Renee Sanders to be Ambassador to Nigeria.

The President announced his intention to nominate Diane D. Rath to be Assistant Secretary for Family Support at the Department of Health and Human Services.

The President announced his intention to designate Reuben Jeffery III and Howard Radzely as members of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

July 10

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Cleveland, OH, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Gerris Farris. He then traveled to Parma, OH.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Cleveland, OH, where, at Slyman's Restaurant, he had lunch with community leaders.

In the afternoon, the President toured the Cleveland Clinic. Later, he returned to Washington, DC. Upon arrival at Andrews Air Force Base, he met with soldiers and marines injured in the war on terror.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the opening ceremonies of the XV Pan American Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on July 13: Michael O. Leavitt (head of delegation); Clifford M. Sobel; Donna Richardson Joyner; George Prescott Bush; and Luis Tiant.

July 11

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President announced his intention to nominate Gene A. Cretz to be Ambassador to Libya.

The President announced his intention to nominate Donald M. Kerr to be Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence at the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

The President announced his intention to nominate Mark Kimmitt to be Assistant Secretary of State (Political-Military Affairs).

The President announced his intention to nominate John S. Bresland to be a member and chairperson of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board.

The President announced his intention to nominate Charles Russell Horner Shearer to be a member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board.

The President announced his intention to nominate Thomas C. Gilliland, William H. Graves, and Susan Richardson Williams to be members of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

The President announced his intention to appoint Kyle E. McSarrow, Ivan Seidenberg, and Mike Zafirovski as members of the President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee.

The President announced that he has designated David Longly Bernhardt as Acting U.S. Commissioner of the Part of the United States on the International Boundary Commission (U.S. and Canada).

July 12

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The White House announced that the President will meet with United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon at the White House on July 17.

July 13

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Roosevelt Room, the President participated in an interview with Fred Barnes, Stephen F. Hayes, and William Kristol of the Weekly Standard; Michael Barone of U.S. News & World Report; Charles Krauthammer of the Washington Post; Larry Kudlow, Rich Lowry, and Kate O'Beirne of the National Review; and syndicated columnist Kathleen Parker.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

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John S. Bresland, of New Jersey, to be a member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of 5 years (reappointment).

John S. Bresland, of New Jersey, to be chairperson of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of 5 years, vice Carolyn W. Merritt, term expiring.

Gene Allan Cretz, of New York, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Libya.

Thomas C. Gilliland, of Georgia, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for the remainder of the term expiring May 18, 2011, vice William Baxter, resigned.

William H. Graves, of Tennessee, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2012 (reappointment).

Daniel D. Heath, of New Hampshire, to be U.S. Alternate Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund for a term of 2 years, vice Margrethe Lundsager, term expired.

Donald M. Kerr, of Virginia, to be Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence, vice General Michael V. Hayden, U.S. Air Force, resigned.